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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

For many many years, I have used a local internet provider for my DSL and landline...and this service has been wonderful for my needs. When I have had connectivity or hardware problems, which has been very rare, I can just call them and talk to an actual person...and can go into their office as needed for their highly professional services. The folks who work there are part of my community, lovely people who give back to the community in many ways. And the service they have offered is reasonably priced and highly efficient.

Local businesses like this are vital to the health of our communities, providing jobs to community members and being very responsive to our needs, all at a fair and reasonable, highly competitive price. I have a few friends and family members who have opted to use one of the big, national companies and they are always complaining about the high prices and horrible service. I really have had no complaints for the 20 or more years I have worked with my local internet provider. I could not be happier with their service.

We need local companies!

thank you.

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